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## RADIO TELEPHONE SERVES FARMERS

### CROP MARKET REPORTS TO BE BROADCASTED—PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE TELLS OF MOVE OF WIDE IMPORTANCE

Chicago, Mar. 4.—The farmer need be no more than 30 minutes behind his city brother in receiving news of the factors which determine prices of agricultural products, Robert McDouglas, president of the Chicago board of trade, said tonight in a statement outlining the board's plan to broadcast crop market reports by radio telephone beginning Monday. The radio system, which will cover a territory within a radius of 500 miles of Chicago, he characterized as "the greatest forward step in 2,000 years" in bringing the farmer in contact with the factors that make the price of his product.

The statement said: "The telephone and the automobile moved the farms closer to the cities. They will be brought still closer by our radio telephone service. It is our belief that our half hour bulletins giving not only quotations but fundamental news of the crop and market situation throughout the world will enable the grain grower to buy or sell as confidently and almost as quickly as if he were in Chicago."

The radio system will cover the territory within a radius of 500 miles of this city. In this area there are, I am informed, thousands of radio sets in villages and on farms. Even on farms where there is no apparatus there are telephones and the nearby village will have the radio reports.

"In the great war we read that bed springs and even coat hangers were made to serve the wireless, and it may not be far fetched to vision the day when the farmer following his furrow may be in instantaneous touch not only with the factors which affect the price of his product but with the news of the world."

"In its present stage, however, I believe that country gram elevators which are scattered everywhere will serve as stations for our reports, being distributed by them still further by telephone to such farms as have not their own radios."

"A day may mean much to the farmer in marketing his grain. Prices in an open competitive market adjust themselves at high speed to changing conditions. It is important that the farmer and the country grain dealer should learn of these changes without delay."

"The price of grain is not determined by factors in any one country, but by crop and marketing conditions of the world. The effect of rain in Kansas for instance may be offset by drought in Indiana or Australia. In our radio report, therefore, we hope more nearly to equalize the news opportunities between the farmer at his plow and the city man at his ticker."

### HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

#### Calls Meeting of Officers Wednesday at 3 O'clock in Office.

Mrs. R. T. Gibbons, County Home Demonstration agent invites all the officers of the home demonstration clubs to meet in her office at the Court House on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to discuss co-operative marketing. A full attendance is desired.

### HONORS EVEN

Sheriff McLane and Clerk of Court J. L. Perrin divided the honors this morning and each emptied a barrel of pure corn whiskey into the sewer grating on the side veranda at the court house.

## DR. J. W. BABCOCK DIES IN COLUMBIA

Was For Twenty-Three Years Head Of the State Insane Asylum. Burial in Chester.

Columbia, March 4.—Dr. J. W. Babcock, who for 23 years was superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane here, died at 5 o'clock Friday morning. The end came very suddenly. He had been suffering with an ailment for several weeks, but his condition was not thought serious and his death was a shock to his friends and family. He is survived by his wife and three daughters. The funeral will be held in Chester Sunday, Dr. Babcock being a native of Chester. Dr. Babcock was one of the nation's leading experts on pellagra and was one of the first experts of the country to recognize this disease. For several years he has been head of a private sanatorium here.

James Woods Babcock, alienist, was born at Chester, August 11, 1856. He was the son of Sidney E. and Margaret (Woods) Babcock. He was a graduate of Harvard University, receiving the degree of A. B. in 1882 and M. D. in 1886. The South Carolina College conferred the honorary degree LL. D. upon him at its centennial celebration in 1905.

He married Katherine Guion of Lincolnton, N. C., in 1892.

### LAND SALES

Several tracts of land were sold today, all of it being sold through the bankrupt court.

In the matter of J. H. Hill the two tracts containing 23 acres and 19.9 acres were sold together for a price of \$1315. The gin house lot and attached machinery was sold for \$500. J. Allen Smith was the purchaser in each case.

In the matter of H. M. Hill the Planters Bank bought the two tracts advertised, the 60 acre tract selling for \$1740 and the 44 acres for \$1,000.

The W. B. Hill tract of land, which last salesday brought \$3,000, was resold bringing \$2,600. E. A. Williams was the purchaser.

Three small lots were sold in the matter of W. T. Broadwell and were purchased by him for \$400.

There were no sales by the Master nor by the Probate Judge.

### FERTILIZER SALES 70 P. C. OFF

#### South Carolina the Heaviest User For Past Two Years

New Orleans, March 5.—Figures on sales of fertilizers in nine states of the cotton region were issued just before the opening of the cotton market today by H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. They showed a decrease during the seven months ended with February of 16 per cent compared with the sales during the same period a year ago, and a decrease of 70 per cent, compared with the sales of two years ago.

According to the statement, the total quantity of fertilizers sold in Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, and Oklahoma amounted to 552,326 tons against 465,722 tons a year ago, and 1,858,777 two years. Heaviest sales were in South Carolina, where the total was 185,991 tons against 185,467 last year.

### MRS. ROBERT DUNLAP

Mrs. Robert Dunlap of Starr died last Friday night and was buried Sunday at the Starr burying ground. She is survived by her husband and one brother, J. S. Fisher, of Talulah, S. C. Mrs. Dunlap was about seventy years of age and was a cousin of Mrs. Sam Eakin of Abbeville.

### American Firm Fails.

San Salvador R. S., March 4.—The American firm of Belanger's incorporated, at Bluefields Nicaragua, has failed, says a dispatch received here. The liabilities were placed at \$3,000,000.

## ARMY STRENGTH VEXED QUESTION

### PRESIDENT HARDING TAKES HAND IN DISCUSSION—CHIEF OF STATE AT WHITE HOUSE TO TALK OVER PROPOSED DECREASE.

Washington, March 4.—President Harding took a hand in the army strength discussion today, summoning members of the house army appropriation subcommittee into conference, after a talk with General Pershing.

The subcommittee yesterday agreed tentatively to cut the army enlisted strength for next year from the authorized 150,000 to 115,000. After the White House conference it was disclosed that an administration policy for a force of not less than 130,000 had been formulated and expressed. The present actual strength is about 137,000.

General Pershing would not discuss the nature of his talk with the president but when the summons to Chairman Anthony and his associates followed there was no effort to conceal that General Pershing had felt it necessary to appeal to the president against the cut in the army the committee had in mind.

At the war department Acting Secretary Wainwright said the military policy of 1920 was passed as an abiding policy and was not a plan "subject to the whim or caprice of every economist."

"If that policy was needed in 1920 it also is needed in 1922," he added. With relation to General Pershing's call at the White House Mr. Wainwright said that "no man is better fitted to speak with authority on this question than he." He pointed out that General Pershing alone of the commanders of the great army that fought in the World war was still in active service for his country "and content to command now an army of 150,000 men."

"We feel," Mr. Wainwright said, "that he is doing this because he feels it his patriotic duty to give his experience and knowledge to the task of establishing a sound, peace time military policy such as the act of 1920 provides."

Full confidence was expressed in administration circles after the subcommittee's conference with the president that a conservative course would be followed in army reduction when congress completes its work on the appropriation bills.

### TO ORGANIZE WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CLUBS

Mrs. R. T. Gibbons, who came to this county on March 1st as Home Demonstration Agent, is planning an active campaign for the organization of girls' and women's clubs throughout the county. She is planning to visit schools in every section of the county as fast as possible in the interest of her work. If she doesn't get to your school in a very few days it will be because the roads were too bad for her to get there. She will be glad to hear from the teachers or pupils in any school and women of any community who would like to have her come to them to organize clubs. Mrs. Gibbons has opened her office in the court house with the Superintendent of Education. She can be found there every morning from 9 to 10 o'clock and all day Saturday unless other notice is given. At other times she will be in the county doing field work. When you want help, call on her. She is here for service.

### WRECK ON SOUTHERN

The Southern had a wreck between Abbeville and Hodges Saturday night and the last train did not reach here until ten o'clock at night. A wheel on the engine was out of fix.

## BACK TO NORMALCY, SAYS PRESIDENT

### ACHIEVEMENT OF YEAR, DE- CLARES HARDING—ANNIVER- SARY OF INAUGURATION AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE CELEBRAT- ED SATURDAY.

Washington, March 5.—A return to normal ways of government, President Harding declared in an address before members of the National Press club Saturday night, he considers an achievement of his first year in the White House.

If nothing else had been accomplished, the president said, "the long step toward getting back to normal ways of government would seem to me to have been the achievement of the year."

The address was delivered at an entertainment given in honor of his first "official" birthday and to mark the occasion a birthday cake surmounted by one candle was presented to him.

"I am not unmindful of the fact," President Harding said, "that my predecessor was ill and that the government was in the drift of the reaction from the war." "But," he continued, "problems of readjustment are infinitely more difficult than any of you can imagine."

Mr. Harding said he likes to throw aside the cares of official life and mingle with gatherings like his audience. "If there is one trouble with this White House job," he said, "it is in being a human being."

A president, he said, can not hold himself aloof and can not find time to get all the things done he would like to do.

"I never find myself done," he said "I never find myself with my work completed. I don't believe there is a human being who can do all the work there is to be done in the president's office."

"It seems as though I had been president for 20 years," he continued, adding that "life has been so full" in the past year "that there's scarcely any impression of life outstanding before I came to Washington except one, my viewpoint of the senate compared with what it is today." He emphasized that he did not mean this in any unkind spirit.

There have been some plans which have not been worked out, Mr. Harding said, in discussing his first year in the White House, and some dreams which have not come true.

"Maybe some fault lies with the executive," he added, "but it can't be all for its a divided authority."

### AMERICAN LEGION'S ATTRACTIVE WINDOW

Last Saturday morning John Lomax and his squad of American Legion barrage men fired the opening gun in their spring offensive for new members for the local post. A show window in the old Cash Bargain Store building was borrowed from the boll-weevil-killer and, by the use of flags, posters, and white paint, was turned into a very neat advertisement for the Legion and Ada Jones' show. A soldier in uniform, with his tin hat and his gas mask, stands rigidly at attention. There is the never-to-be-forgotten Red Cross nurse, who stands in her white uniform just behind the soldier. An autographed picture of Marshal Foch, hung in the background, reminds us that once there was a war over in France and that these Legionnaires helped to put a stop to it.

### VISITORS FROM NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Flick of New York stopped off in Abbeville for several days last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kerr. Dr. Flick is in charge of a hospital in New York for cripples, and Mrs. Flick is remembered by her many friends here as Miss Mary Wood.

## 14 YEAR OLD YOUTH TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Resented His Father's Orders That He Must Continue School Boy Shoots Himself.

Detroit, Mich., March 4.—Resenting and brooding over his father's peremptory orders that he must continue to attend school, Arthur Coleman, 14 years old, shot and killed himself in his home here this morning. A bitter quarrel is said to have resulted from the father's order. In a note the boy left he bade his father and stepmother farewell and added:

"I want to see mother."

Young Coleman joined in family prayers before retiring last night, and according to his father, tossed about in bed until 1 o'clock this morning. He then arose obtained a rifle, lay back on the bed and shot himself through the abdomen.

Coleman was a pupil in Case high school and was noted among his fellow pupils for his fistic prowess.

### CLINKSCALES WILL FILED.

The will of the late James F. Clinkscales, one of the largest land owners in the county, was filed for probate Saturday, and admitted to probate in common form. The will disposes of the entire estate of the deceased, making division in kind of the whole estate between the widow and children, the widow taking one-third of the estate and the other two-thirds being for division amongst the children. The children of the deceased son, J. Frank Clinkscales, are provided for, they receiving the share their father would have taken in the estate if living. Mrs. Clinkscales is named as sole executrix.

The division of the estate is to be made by three appraisers to be appointed by the executrix and approved by the court.

### LITTLE GIRL SAVES TRAIN FROM WRECK

Asheville, N. C., March 4.—Anna Belle Dunn, ten years of age, prevented what might have been a serious railway accident on the Toxaway branch of the Southern railway today when she ran for a mile to reach the station and advise the conductor of a landslide.

The little girl was en route from her home, a mile distant from her home, a mile distant from Quebec, Haywood county, and noticed huge piles of rock and dirt had covered the track in a cut, in which the track curved. She hastened to the station and arrived just before time for the train's departure. Running up to the conductor, whom she knew, the little girl said:

"Mr. Conductor, there's big rock on the track, down that way, bigger than I could move."

### PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE AT CLINTON GETS \$125,000

New York, March 5.—Gifts of \$1,811,666 to schools and colleges of the nation, made possible by John D. Rockefeller's decision to permit distribution of principal as well as income from its funds, were made today by the general education board of the Rockefeller Foundation. The gifts included:

Hampden Sydney College, Hampden Sydney, Va., \$100,000; University of Chattanooga, Tenn., \$166,000; Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Clinton, S. C., \$125,000.

### THIEVES ENTER HOME

#### Robbery While Away at Dead Brother's Home

Greenville, March 4.—While he was at the home of his brother, W. L. Mauldin, who died this morning, the residence of Oscar K. Mauldin, lawyer of this city, was tonight broken into and robbed of about \$1,000 worth of jewelry. Robberies of two other residences in other parts of the city were also reported last night.

## PUBLIC TREATY TAKEN UP TODAY

### NEW AND KELLOGG SLATED TO FIRE OPENING GUN WITH LODGE HELD IN RESERVE. SPEECHES TO BE MADE EVERY DAY

Washington, March 5.—The four power Pacific treaty will be taken up Monday by the senate and discussed virtually every day thereafter until a vote on ratification is obtained under a program said to have been agreed to in conference today between President Harding and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader.

Administration spokesmen, it was announced, will open the fight for ratification of the treaty, with Senator New of Indiana, a close personal friend of the president and a Republican member of the foreign relations committee, speaking Monday and Senator Kellogg of Minnesota, another Republican committeeman and confidant of the president, on Tuesday. Senator Lodge, it was stated, also will speak soon and present some of the arguments of the administration in support of ratification.

President Harding was said to be in complete accord with Senator Lodge's plans for proceedings with the arms conference treaties. Their conference at the White House today was said to have been for the purpose of discussing procedure and to keep the president informed as to the situation, including the effect of legislative matters also before the senate. Administration leaders plan to give immediate, technical rights of way to the department of justice bill to create a number of additional federal judges but subject to debate on the four power treaty. It is not Senator Lodge's intention to force the treaties for the next few days but soon it was announced the administration will push them to the forefront and hold them before the senate to the exclusion of all other business.

### SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR BETTY ANDREWS

Georgia Girl Placed in Custody of Her Father After Entering Plea of Guilty.

Atlanta, March 4.—Betty Anderson for whom Frank DuPre said he stole the diamond that resulted in his killing one man and wounding another here last December, entered a plea of statutory offense today and was put on probation after being sentenced to serve 11 months at the state farm.

The indictment charging the young woman with being an accessory after the fact of the murder was nolle prossed. Dupre is under death sentence, which has been deferred pending an appeal. The young woman who represented herself as Betty Andrews, a chorus girl, turned out to be the wife of a local barber named Anderson. He has entered suit for divorce and Judge John D. Humphries in suspending sentence today placed the girl in the custody of her father, J. E. Guest, of Gainesville, Ga.

### EVANGELINE BOOTH ILL

#### Salvation Army Head Sick With Influenza.

Long Beach, Calif., March 4.—Evangeline Booth, national commander of the Salvation Army, was taken ill with influenza and is confined to her bed here.

It was announced that the commander's condition was not serious but she would be confined to her room for several days.

Chester will build a sweet potato storage house of 7,500 bushel capacity. Shares of stock are \$50 each.